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In the application of:

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. For: DISC DRIVE HEAD-MEDIA SPACING

MODELING AND APPLICATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the RCE, please amend this application as

follows:

Amendments to claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.